



# New Castle Crier

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## Separation Day in Historic New Castle

### Saturday, June 13

**Parade at 11** ending at Court House Museum

Grand Marshall: **Brigadier General Ernest Talbert**

### Battery Park Festivities

Arts & Crafts 1 to 6 ★ Great Amusement Rides

Family Pro Wrestling by FWF at 1 & 5:15 ★ Steve Ketterer Acoustic Trio at 1:30

Magic Show at 3 ★ Beautiful Baby Contest at 4

Beginning at 6:30: an Evening of Dancing with American Pie Entertainment  
featuring New Castle's own favorite disc jockey **Paul Freebery**

### Fireworks Finale at 9:30

#### Featured Bands:

Reilly Raiders Drum & Bugle Corps,  
Avalon String, 287 Army National Guard,  
DE Military Academy, Citizens Hose

Games, food, encampments, Colonial bubble machine,  
pony rides, face painting, moon bounce, non-profits



### Sign Up For Recreation Program

The City's Summer Recreation Program begins Monday, June 29 and runs on weekdays through Friday, August 7. *Note, there will be no camp on Friday, July 3.* Hours are usually 8 a.m. to noon, however may run later on days with certain activities. Registration is open to children ages 5 through 14 who reside within the City limits. The program does not run on days when it rains. Typical activities include a tour of the Court House, bowling, swimming and other trips. Program packets with details will be distributed prior to the start of camp.

**Registration Fee:** \$5 each child

The fee *does not* cover individual trip costs.

**Make check payable to:**

Mayor and Council of New Castle

For walk-in registration, bring a completed form (one for each child) to the City office, 220 Delaware St., weekdays, beginning June 8 through June 26.

Sign-up is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or, complete the form below and mail by June 19 to: New Castle City, 220 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Call 322-7489 with any questions.

#### HELP WANTED: Camp Counselors Needed

Young adults (min. age 18) needed as Counselors for the City Recreation Summer Camp Program. Complete an application by June 12 at the City Offices, 220 Delaware Street.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

## New Castle - The First Capital City!

# City Council to consider curfew law; decide on energy project

The New Castle City Council has scheduled a public hearing to receive comments on a proposal to enact a curfew law. The new City ordinance would prohibit persons under 18 from being outside without adult supervision from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. from September 1 through May 31 and from midnight to 5 a.m. from June 1 through August 31.

**The next  
regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., June 9 at  
Town Hall**

This proposal is being considered in an effort to address concerns expressed by residents

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about minors engaging in inappropriate, and sometimes illegal, activities in the overnight hours. The hearing will take place at Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. All persons wishing to express views on the proposal are encouraged to attend and participate.

Written comments in advance of the hearing may be dropped off at, or mailed to, 220 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720; or e-mail comments to CathrynThomas@NewCastleCity.org.

## ***City eligible for \$50K in stimulus funds***

The City of New Castle is eligible to receive \$50,000 in funds from the Federal government as part of the stimulus package. The funds must be used for one or more items relative to energy efficiency. The following are ideas being explored and which will be discussed and decided upon at the June 9 City Council meeting:

- the installation of a solar energy system for the City Administration building on Delaware Street;
- the installation of a new, more energy efficient HVAC system for the City Administration building;
- the installation of storm windows for the City Administration building;
- a request from the Library Board for the money to go toward the installation of a geothermal heating system as part of the Library renovation project.

### ***Don't miss out!***

### **June 15 is the last chance to sign up for a tax exemption for City tax bills issued in July**

For information on applying for the Over 65 or Disability exemption, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811. Yearly income requirements: \$15,000 single and \$30,000 married. Social Security is not counted. Last day to apply is June 15th.

## **2008 DeIDOT Campaign warrants 2009 reminder**

In 2008, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT) launched a campaign to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding in neighborhoods and residential areas. The central message of the campaign focused on safety and statistics:

- a pedestrian hit at 20 mph has a 5 percent chance of dying;
- a pedestrian hit at 30 mph has a 45 percent chance of dying;
- at 40 mph the chances of death are 85 percent.

***State law sets the speed limit in residential areas and subdivisions at 25 mph.***

### ***Statistics of Note:***

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children of every age from 2 to 14.
- Speeding in residential neighborhoods represents the single greatest complaint issued to police departments and city council representatives throughout the U.S.
- 48 percent of Delaware's total fatal crashes included aggressive driving behaviors.

***City Offices are Closed  
and there will be No Trash  
Pickup on Friday, July 3.***

## **June events in New Castle**

**Thursday, June 11, 6 p.m.**

**Dutch House Garden Party**

**\$25 members/\$30 non-members**

**322-2974 • [www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org)**

**June 24 to July 29**

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

**Free Concerts in Battery Park**

**Sponsored by New Castle Lions Club**

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